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### Canvassing For the Heathen.

A man about thirty years old, wearing a battered plug hat and seedy clothes, looking as hungry as a man who had been wrecked on an iceberg, and evidently an imposter, softly entered a Gratiot avenue saloon yesterday and leaning over the bar whispered to the proprietor:

"My dear sir, I am canvassing for subscriptions for the benefit of the heathen."

"Is that so?" replied the saloon keeper rinsing a glass.

"Yes, my friend, that is so," continued the man, taking out a very greasy passbook. "Yes, I am collecting money for the benefit of the poor heathen, who are living in a state of vice and ignorance. Some put down ten dollars--some five--some one, all giving something. Here is the book and you can subscribe such an amount as you think best."

"Is it a petition do dem common council?" inquired the saloonist as he looked at the book.

"No, sir. You do not understand my object. I am collecting subscriptions for the benefit of the heathen, and you can write your name and give me such an amount as your conscience directs."

"Vere ish dem heathens?" inquired the beer-seller, looking coldly at the stranger's battered hat.

"In Africa," replied the agent, "in far-off Africa where all is gloom and loneliness because the heathen has no education."

"And vat country ish dat Africa in?" inquired the saloonist.

"My dear man, Africa is a country--a great big country far o'er the dark blue sea. Is it possible that you never heard of Africa?"

"I haf lived in Toledo, Chicago, but I didn't hear some one ever say a word about Africa."

"Well, that is neither here nor there. I am authorized to collect subscriptions for the heathen, who is running about in a state of nakedness and sinfulness, and who must have bread for his mind and be brought to realize that he should live for something besides this life."

"Yah, dat iz zo," replied the saloonist in a relative tone.

"You contribute whatever sum you may think best and I forward it to Boston by the first mail, where it is turned into Bibles and the Bibles shipped to Africa. Most people esteem it a privilege to be allowed to subscribe to this fund. Will you write your name down?"

"I think I vill," replied the man and he hunted up his pencil, and after much labor wrote his name on the page and handed the book back with the remark:

"I dunno if you can't read that."

"That is all right, but you have neglected to mark down the amount of your contribution. Let's see--will you say a dollar?"

"Vat?"

"Will you give the sum of one dollar for the heathen?"

"Ha! Vat you spoke about?"

"Will you give me a dollar to forward to the poor benighted heathen?"

"Money--gif you money?"

"Yes--for the heathen?"

"Gif you von dollar?"

"Yes, a dollar for the benighted race who are dwelling in darkness."

The saloon-keeper looked at him for half a minute, and then reaching down for a club, said: "You'd better go out by dat door! I sign dat book to gets dat heathen some close py de poor-master and dat ish plenty! If

you sthay here some little while more I shall hit you mit dis club on de head!"

"My dear--"  
"Go aus mit dat door!" yelled the saloon-keeper running from behind the bar and the canvasser had to go.--*Detroit Free Press.*

### Sudden Prostration.

A case similar to the following recently occurred in this city: Mr. Hope goes out to parties and stays late. An adjacent billy goat became aware of this fact at the opening of the present social season, and acted accordingly. A few nights ago, when churchyards ceased their yawning, Hope came leisurely along from a party, whistling "Love, Love, Beautiful Love," and on reaching his front door, pulled out his night-key and stooped over in the darkness to insert it in the lock. He was in a position which was extremely agreeable to Bill, who came up behind him cautiously, and raising himself erect on his hind feet dropped down suddenly and unexpectedly under Mr. Hope's coat tail. The latter's silk hat was flapped like a Chinese umbrella and he flew into the hall-way with a careless haste "rarely equalled and never excelled." Cries of "burglars!" "thieves!" "police!" etc., came from above stairs, a stalwart boarder rushed down, followed pell-mell by Hope's frightened wife and three small babies. A grand tableau was presented as soon as a light was brought and the true state of affairs learned. There lay Hope's prostrate and almost insensible form on the hall floor, and William poised in the air ready to give his neighbor another token of his kind regard and appreciation. The door was unceremoniously slammed into Bill's face and fastened, and he gave a lingering look, and departed for his domicile. Hope has not been out of the house for several days and takes his meals standing.--*San Diego World.*

### Intercourse of the Sexes.

What makes those men who associate habitually with women superior to others? What makes that woman who is accustomed to and at ease in the society of men superior to her sex in general? Why are the women of France so universally admired and loved for their colloquial powers? Solely because they are in the habit of free, graceful, and continual conversation with the other sex. Women in this way lose their frivolity, their faculties awaken, their delicacies and peculiarities unfold all their beauty and captivation in the spirit of intellectual rivalry. And the man lose their pedantic, rude, declamatory, sultry manner. The coin of the understanding and the heart is changed continually. Their asperities are rubbed off, their better materials polished and brightened, and their richness, like fine gold, is wrought into finer workmanship by the fingers of women, than it ever could be by those of men. The iron and steel of character are hidden, like the harness and armor of a giant, in studs and knots of gold and precious stones, when they are not wanted in actual warfare.

### A Word About Marriage.

A physician writes the following sensible advice: "My profession has thrown me among women of all classes, and my experience teaches me that God never gave man a greater proof of His love than to place women here with him. My advice is: Go--propose to the most sensible girl you know. If she says yes, tell her how much your income is--from what source derived--and tell her you will divide the last shilling with her and love her with all your heart in the bargain. And then keep your promise. My word for it, she will live withing your income, and to your last hour you will regret that you did not marry sooner. Gentlemen don't worry about feminine extravagance and feminine untruth. Just you be true to her, love her sincerely, and tell her of it frequently, and a more fond, faithful foolish slave you will never meet anywhere. You won't deserve her, I know, but she would never see it. Now throw aside pride and selfishness, and see what will become of it."

A San Juan miner who has been prospecting in southern Colorado has found a whole forest of petrified trees, with petrified birds sitting on the limbs singing petrified songs.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Merry Christmas to all--  
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In hotel or hall.  
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With joy and good cheer,  
And make us all kinder  
The rest of the year.

May we never forget,  
In our holiday mirth,  
The Child that was born  
To bring joy to the earth,  
May the angels that sang  
Of peace and good will,  
Our hearts and our lives  
With His charity fill.

Merry Christmas to all,  
But the best to the man  
Who gives to the hungry  
Whatever he can;  
Who heartily tries  
To bring the time, when  
There'll be "Peace on the earth,  
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### My Waterproof Boots.

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What a brute of a husband that was out in Iowa. He refused to kiss his wife for three months, and the little darling committed suicide. Now, if we'd been in that woman's place we wouldn't have committed suicide. We'd have called in substitute, and closed our eyes, and imagined all the time it was the dear one. But some women ain't got any sense. The female wasn't anything at all like a Brooklyn female we once knew. He and she got mad, and he wouldn't kiss her for several days. She said to him he'd be sorry for it. She went to a party next evening, where they played "Pick cherries and hand them down," and "Post-office," and "Put in the corner," and a whole lot of such plays, and she was up every time she had a chance, and never refused a kiss. And there was one young man in the party whose kisses pleased her so much that the following week she eloped with him. That's the way she took to make her husband sorry. We can't say that he's bowed down with grief. We saw him the other day, and he was about half drunk, and smoking a five-cent cigar and telling a funny story that nobody but himself laughed at. Some men don't seem to have any heart to break.

### A Pacific Climate.

A recent visitor at Santa Barbara, California, saw among the number who were sitting out in front of their stores one whom he recognized as a former acquaintance.

"Hallo, Jones," says our visitor "what brought you out here?"

"Climate," replied the Santa Barbarian.

"How do you account for the rapid growth of this place?"

"Climate."

"You all seem to be sitting round; what do you live on?"

"Climate."

"What makes you grow so fat?"

"Climate."

"Well, how will they bring the railroad into town over these mountains?"

"Climb it."

It is well enough for a fisherman to take a lunch before going a fishing, for he may not get a bite while away from home, Matrimony is hot buckwheat cakes, warm beds, comfortable slippers, smoking coffee, round arms, red lips, kind words, shirts exulting in buttons, redeemed stockings, happiness, bootjacks, happiness, etc.

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